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USE OF BIOGENIC ESTROGEN SULFAMATES FOR HORMONE

REPLACEMENT THERAPY

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

For:

Please enter the following amendment.

In the Claims

Please amend claim 17 as follows:

Claim 17 (currently amended): A method according to claim 15 16, wherein the continuous administration is in the form of an implant, in the form of an intrauterine release system or in the form of a combination thereof.

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